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Ms. Kara J. Harris
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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Dear Ms. Harris:

I am writing on behalf of Jersey City, New Jersey and its more than 240,000 residents, to officially request that you either delay the scheduled scoping hearing *in re* the proposed Texas Eastern pipeline, or hold an additional hearing once the deadline to submit final Resource Reports has passed to allow all sides an adequate opportunity to review their results.

It is our position that this project's current time line will force the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to make an arbitrary decision, as the Commission will not have access to a full set of facts or opinions. Jersey City is the second largest city in New Jersey – a city that serves as both the state's economic engine and the potential host to the majority of this proposed pipeline – and therefore, it is only reasonable that FERC allow Jersey City and her citizens a full and fair forum before it proceeds.

Spectra representatives plan to revise their initial Resource Reports as they relate to a host of specific concerns regarding the proposed pipeline. Despite repeated requests from my office, the company has not yet shared alterations to its reports with Jersey City, and the updated reports need not be formally filed with FERC until August 24, 2010. However, FERC has slated public scoping meetings on the pipeline for August 2 through Aug. 5, 2010. Clearly, the city cannot comment on dated or inaccurate information, and this current reporting schedule would not afford the city the opportunity to comment on any updates or revisions to the company's reports.

Further, the City represents many different constituencies, several of whom have expressed concern over, or interest in, the proposed pipeline. For instance, proactive representatives for Jersey City's Newport development – a chief commercial and residential center and an area so significant it comprises one percent of the entire state's annual product – have contacted both you and us to voice concerns similar to those I am addressing here.

Unfortunately, not all of our constituents have the means to stay so abreast of the FERC calendar: Instead, countless worried residents and concerned volunteer, neighborhood and community groups are relying on the public comment sessions as their opportunity to lend meaningful input to the decision-making process. The current schedule deprives these citizens of their right to be fully and adequately heard.

For these reasons, I again urge you to extend or delay the scoping period for this project, so this administration and our citizens may fully participate. If I can do anything further to assist you in this process, do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Jerramiah Healy
Mayor